



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 962

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL AND
SECONDARY LEVEL CURRICULUM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
8 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and
9 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including
10 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which
11 may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident
12 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,
13 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social
14 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,
15 geography, government and history; in addition, on at least the middle
16 school level or the secondary level, computer programming
17 instruction, the safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601,
18 instruction regarding a person's rights and responsibilities during a
19 custodial stop, investigative detention and arrest, and training in

20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of chest
21 compression; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or
22 more world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this
23 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,
24 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under
25 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State
26 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means
27 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be
28 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-16b(a)
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ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*